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By Paul Giles

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Southend Council's executive councillor for culture and tourism, Derek Jarvis, said "Following the renovations we can share the history of the house which has never

been told before. The building is much-loved and supported by residents who have contributed in many ways to help restore this jewel in our heritage crown.

"Among those celebrating at the re-opening will be those who have sponsored paving bricks in the Priory Path, which links the Priory to the new eco-friendly visitor centre.

"So far 350 people have between them raised £28,000

towards the restoration by sponsoring bricks and the appeal is continuing.

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Court trial reveals gangs operating in seaside town

OMALI DRUGS GANGS

DANGEROUS Somali drugs gangs are dealing crack cocaine and heroin in Southend, a court

Detectives testifying in the trial of a juvenile drugs runner said the gangs took over their customers' flats and paid them with drugs.

A youth at the centre of the trial, who cannot be named, claimed he was held hostage by one of the gangs for two months.

He said the gang befriended him, bought him food, clothes and cigarettes, then told him he had to work for them to pay off his 'debt'.

He testified that the gang made him sleep on the floor of a flat in Hainault Avenue and forced him to carry out drug deals in Brightwell Avenue

His story was uncovered after he dealt crack and heroin to undercover police on five occa-

The undercover officers were part of Operation RASP, which saw police pose as addicts in order to gain intelligence on the seaside town's drugs trade.

The operation ran between October 2011 and

January 2012.
Detective Constables David Hobday and Jim English were involved in the operation, but did not go undercover.

Both testified in the trial at Basildon Crown Court last week.

Their testimony revealed that many Somali gangs had moved out of London after a Met Police crackdown and begun operating in the home counties.

DC Hobday said several gangs were operating in Southend using codenames like 'Will' 'Justin', but police could not determine whether they were all connected.

Somali drugs gangs were known to have operated out of Southend's Pennines flats and

DC English said the gangs, sometimes known to carry knives and guns, assumed control of their customers' flats and used them as bases.

He said: "A gang will sometimes get a little bit friendly with someone who is taking drugs

and they will then take over that person's flat and supply them with drugs."

DC Hobday said the gangs operated like busi-nesses, with bosses sometimes living as far away as Europe, but 'receptionists' taking calls and runners - like salespersons - delivering around the town.

He added: "There's so many layers to protect [the bosses]. That's why we normally only get

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YA requests details to find out more on Operation RASP

OPERATION RASP is shrouded in secrecy.

After sitting in on dozens of court hearings about the operation since February, the Yellow Advertiser took legal action to shed new light on the investigation.

The YA requested details of the operation under the Freedom of Information Act, which requires public bodies to release information in the public interest.

But Essex Police refused to even confirm or deny that Operation RASP existed – even though it has been discussed in dozens of court hearings open to the general public. In a letter, Essex Police said: "To state to the world under FOI that Essex Police does not held my information partition to the request."

hold any information pertinent to this request would provide carte blanche to any drugs baron offender that there is a serious gap in Essex Police's intelligence.

"Conversely, to cite an exemption, therefore confirming information is held, would automatically alert those engaged in the organised drugs culture that the Police Service are aware of this existence and/or activity.

"This awareness would enable those involved in organising drugs crime to counter that intelligence by taking evasive action to avoid arrest."

Police refused to confirm details which have already been discussed in open court, such as when the operation took place. It is known that Operation RASP was an early stage of the more publicised Operation OCRA.

RASP was the undercover, intelligence

gathering arm of the investigation while OCRA was the reactive arm, arresting those caught by RASP.

Undercover officers working on Operation RASP, which ran between October 2011 and January 2012, would sign cash out of a local police station and be deployed into Southend or Westcliff, where they would pose as addicts, befriend other drug users and attempt to form relationships with their dealers.

About 50 suspects were arrested under OCRA in February 2012, based on intelligence gathered during RASP.

Officers close to the operation say almost all of those charged under the act have now been sentenced

Teen claims Somali drugs gang forced him into dealing in trial

Somali drugs gang groomed him with free dinners and clothes, then held him hostage and forced him to deal drugs.

The youth, who cannot be named, said the men first approached him at the benches outside McDonald's in Southend High Street, where young people often congregated to talk and smoke cigarettes.

He said the men began a conversation with him and then bought him a Big Mac.

The teenager said he encountered the men on the same benches the following day.

He testified that the men bought him dinner in Nandos, then took him to their flat in Hainault Avenue.

Asked why he trusted them so readily, he said: "I thought they were trying to be friends. I had no friends.'

A few days later, the youth said he was at the Southend post office when one of the gang members spotted him and invited him to a sports shop

There, he said the gang bought him a pair of trainers.

After encountering the men again several days later, the boy said he invited them to his house, where his mum cooked them all dinner.

He told jurors that after dinner he accompanied the men to their flat where events took a sinister turn

He testified that as he walked into a communal room, he saw a black handgun and a ham-

He told jurors: "I felt scared because I'd never seen a gun before. My heart was beating. I sat down. I was like, 'What was that?' They said, 'You don't need to worry about it'."

He said a gang member told him: "What you need to worry about is how you're going to pay all this back.

The boy said of the lead gang member: "He vas not like he was before. He was different. He was being mean to me now. He said, 'Now you have to work for us... If you take the p*** then we know where your family lives'. He said my mum was a single mum and anything could happen to her."

The teenager told the court that one of the gang members spat a 'tiny ball' into the gang leader's hand.

He said the gang leader told him: "This is drugs and we sell drugs and you have to sell them for us."

nodding. I thought they would hurt me and they would hurt my mum - that they would use the things that I saw on the table."

He told the court he was sent on his first drug deal that night and carried out one or two deals every day until they let him go. He said he was followed on each deal by a

Somali man with dreadlocks.

He told the court he was forced to sleep on the floor, fed every day with takeaway chicken and chips and did not even have a change of

He told Judge David Owen-Jones: "I was stinking, sir.'

The boy said that after roughly two months, a member of the gang was arrested and they learned that a police operation was going on in

He said the gang became scared that he would speak to the police if he was arrested and

and fled the country for three months.

He was arrested upon his return to the UK in March because he had dealt drugs to undercover officers on five occasions while working for

In his police interview, he told DC Jim English: "It was awful. I can't even sleep... I felt I was gonna go crazy because I couldn't live in that life...

"It was like they ain't got no heart. I think a person with heart couldn't do that. Still, every time I go to sleep, I think about them too much. It was the worst days of my life."

The boy pleaded not guilty to five counts of supplying Class A drugs and one count of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs.

He raised the defence of duress

But on the third day of his trial last week, after learning that he would serve minimal jail time if he pleaded guilty, he changed his pleas.

Make your own Olympic medals



M u s e u m s Service will be offering people the chance to make their own Olympic medals and torch this weekend.

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Music man leaves post to help develop pro **By Paul Giles** innovative new music service for people

AN ASSISTANT headteacher will be leaving his post to concentrate on establishing a new music service in the borough for children and adults with learn-

ough for chimer and addits with learning disabilities.
Councillor David Stanley has spent the last 11 years teaching, but in September he will be known as the 'Music Man'.

In 2000, Mr Stanley founded the Southend Mencap Music School and now wants to expand that model.

The Music Man Project will include a

special school centre of excellence at Kingsdown School, in Snakes Lane, Southend, and four venues across South East Essex

A website will also support the service with the aim of helping the physical, social, and emotional development of people in the community.

Mr Stanley said he was looking for-

ward to taking up his role full time.

He said: "In July I will be leaving my post as assistant headteacher at the Eastwood Academy in order to start an

with a learning disability, as a full time

employee of Southend Mencap.
"One of the reasons I became a local councillor was to champion the rights and opportunities for people with a learning disability. I am delighted that I can begin this by expanding my work with such a wonderful charity as Southend Mencap.'

Marc McOwens, general manager at Southend Mencap, said the sessions would help people with learning disabil-

would help be when tearling disabilities to improve their confidence.

He said: "It's great to see people who once sat at the side line watching get involved and even take centre stage at the Cliffs Pavilion when we do our shows

Head of Kingsdown School, Margaret Rimmer, said every student at the school would benefit from the service.

She said: "I am very excited by the Music Man Project as it will provide a much needed provision that does not

To find out more call 01702 341250.



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DETECTIVES are appealing for witnesses after an attempted robbery in Southend.

Three men were walking home

past Thorpe Bay train station just past midnight on Saturday, June 16 when they were followed by three

of one of them and said: "What have you got for me?'

The victim managed to defend himself and break away with his two friends where they ran across Thorpe Hall Avenue and hid in Willingale Way.

but eventually gave up and left.

The main suspect is described as black, 5ft 5ins tall, aged 17 to 18, short black hair, stocky build, wearing dark clothing. He was accompanied by two other men wearing hoodies.

who saw the youths in the area. He said: "It was just after midnight so it would have been quiet in the areas mentioned."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact DC Brown at Southend Police Station on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Summer revision

SOUTHEND Adult Community College (SACC) is providing English, maths and

verbal reasoning group revision.
Staff have recognised that many children lose their learning momentum over the summer period and want to help bridge the gap of the summer holidays.

SACC will provide a range of practice activities aimed at eight to 11 year olds to develop a child's analytical skills.

Parents are welcome to stay on-site in the college's cafe while their children are in class. To enrol your child, please call 01702 445700 and quote course code L1145WKY11.

Poster competition

YOUNGSTERS, who have created posters to help combat crime, will be at a awards ceremony tonight (Wednesday) to celebrate their achievements.

The poster competition is run annually by the Leigh Crime Prevention Panel, supported by the Lions Club of Leigh, to encourage children to do their bit towards crime prevention.

All those who entered will be presented with a certificate in the ceremony at Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue Southend. Those who come first, second and third in each year group also receive an engraved cup and gift voucher.

Carnival success

THOSE involved in organising this year's Southend Carnival has thanked everyone who helped make it a success.

This year's procession more entries from local businesses than before who took the opportunity to advertise their work for free to thousands of people.

Carnival chair Chris Charles said: "On behalf of the Carnival Association I would like to thank the police and all the stewards."

The three suspects walked up and down the street looking for them Investigating officer, DC Paul Brown, wants to speak to anyone One of the suspects grabbed hold

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Authors go online to publish stories

By Paul Giles

A PAIR of authors have become part of an online revolution by joining a short story website.

Gill McKinlay, from Shoeburyness, and Lorraine Coverley, from South Benfleet, have joined the publishing website Alfie Dog Limited, which brings together stories from writers across the globe. In the same way that mp3

In the same way that mp3 files have transformed the music industry, publisher and author, Rosemary Kind, believes it is time for e-publishing to do the same for short stories.

She said: "If you can buy a single track of music for 69p then why shouldn't you buy a story for just 39p?"

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Rosemary added: "Many of our authors have had dozens, if not hundreds, of stories published in magazines and can now offer those stories to a wider public.

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ONLINE AUTHORS: Gill McKinlay and Lorraine Coverley who have published stories on the internet.

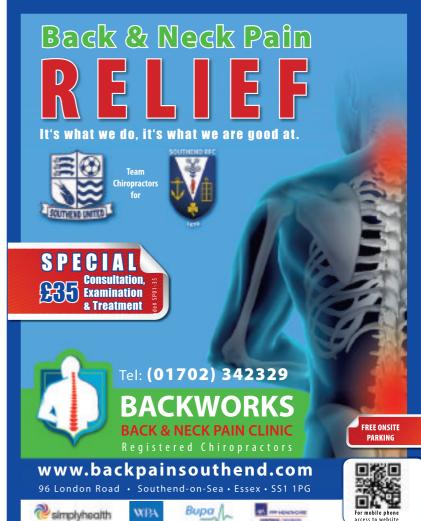
Lorriane, of Appleton Road, in Benfleet, said she had published six stories on the site with Gill publishing 16 altogether.

She said: "My stories are mostly humorous or ghost stories.
"Gill has written a lot of

"Gill has written a lot of romance stories and tales covering other genres. I think it shows that there is a wide variety of stories available for people on the site."

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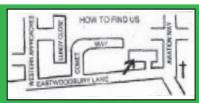
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Scheme introduced to help responsible dog ownership

A NEW SCHEME to promote responsible dog ownership has been launched in Southend.

Dog Watch aims to educate owners to become more responsible, and to allow authorities to share information about incidents and problem pets.

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) will work together with Essex Police and Southend Council to target irresponsi-

The scheme involves educating dog owners and members of the public about responsible ownership including the use of leads, clearing up faeces,

It will also provide literature for people to easily recognise dangerous dogs.

An ongoing free microchipping service will be

rolled out across the borough and people will be asked to report any anti social behaviour regarding

dogs.

The initiative was launched at an event in Warrior

Warrior Square Gardens, Southend, last Wednesday where residents had an opportunity to get their pets microchipped for free and to learn about responsi-

majority of dog owners in the borough treat their pets responsibly and control them in public spaces. He said: "There are a minority who allow their

dogs to intimidate others and damage the environ-

"We want a Southend where people look after their dogs and recognise that owning a dog means taking responsibility for their actions.

"It is essential that we work closely together in partnership to both educate owners, and take enforcement action under the current law where necessary."

Inspector. Matt Bennett, of Essex Police, said the

force was pleased to be part of the scheme. He said: "Sadly incidents involving dog attacks are on the increase so it is our responsibility to work together in order to minimise future attacks.

"I believe that by working to train and educate dog owners, as well as keeping track of the more dangerous dogs in our society, we will be better placed to achieve this."

If you are interested in joining the Dog Watch scheme, or would like more information, contact Mick Holland on 01702 464199 or visit www.southendcdrn.co.uk



CHIPPING: Valerie Howells, Southend Council's Animal Warden and PCSO Jacqueline Hill, microchipping a dog.

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Station renovated

IMPROVEMENTS to Chalkwell Station have been completed.

The renovations include wider pavements outside the station, a new booking hall, cycle racks, toilets and a new shelter on the London bound side.

The completion of the work marks further improvements at Tilbury Town, Laindon, Shoeburyness and Chafford Hundred

Armed Forces Day

SOUTHEND will proudly honour the British Armed Forces past, present and future, this Saturday.

An Armed Forces Day event called 'Southend Salutes' is being held from 10am till 4pm in Southend High Street and along City Beach.

A military parade of members of the past and current and serving forces will form up ready to set off from Tylers Avenue, Southend at 10.45am, to march to Victoria Circus for an open air service at around

Charity thanks runners

STAFF at Homeless Action Resource Project have thanked people for raising money at the HARP 24 Race at the weekend.

Runners who took part in the event managed to raise a total of £7, 000 for the

Clive Franceschi of HARP commented: "Although the majority of participants are from our local area, we have had some runners travel quite a distance to take part this year and we are very pleased about this especially as they achieved their own personal targets they had hoped to reach."

TWO students were left cut and bruised after an unprovoked attack that saw thieves get away with a bike, wallet and mobile phone.

The attack happened in Shoeburyness when the male students were walking through a park near to the junction of Maplin Way North and Delaware Road at 11.30pm on Sunday.

They were approached by two men who asked them for a cigarette and then launched into an 'unpro-

orded and violent' attack, then ran off towards Maplin Way North. Investigating Officer, DC Colin Clarkson, said: "We are very keen to identify these two attackers and

bring them to justice.
"Nobody has the right to attack

others and steal their personal property. We would like to remind everyone to plan well-lit, safe and main routes when walking home in dark-

The assailants are described as white, in their late teens or early 20s, slim to medium build, about 5ft 9ins tall, have short, dark hair and were wearing dark hoodies. Both accents.

The students, who are aged in their late teens, did not require any medical treatment.

Anyone with information in connection with this robbery is urged to contact detectives at Southend Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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MURAL: Students with the mural that needs a good new home.

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By Paul Giles

A MURAL created by students from South Essex College of flora, fauna and wildlife from the

region needs rehoming.

The work is currently stored at the East Street Campus, but lecturer Lee Hey wants it to take pride of place somewhere where people would be able to appreciate it.

Lee explained the students had created the work as part of their Level 3 art and design

He said: "I would absolutely love the opportunity to possibly exhibit the mural at any suitable location

"We have had a couple of offers which have fallen through and now have a mural with no home.
"I would like it to stay in Southend, but the stu-

dents used the postcodes from Southend to Barking to source the images so anywhere in that area would just be great."

The painting was created in order to celebrate the diversity of nature that is found in the area. It has been painted with indoor paint but it can

be prepared to be displayed in an outdoors area. It carries more than 175 images and stretches more than 25 metres long.

If you would like to give the mural a home call

Lee on 07842 959613

> speedread

Flat ablaze

FIRE CREWS were called to a flat in Mornington House, Station Road, Westcliff.

The fire, on Tuesday, June 19, at 11.22pm, was on the second floor in the four storey

building.

Crews wore breathing apparatus and used one hose reel to extinguish the fire then used a high pressure fan to clear smoke.

Investigations are continuing into the fire.

Car vandalised

POLICE are appealing for information after a high-performance car was vandalised causing £1,000 worth of damage in Southend.

The damage was caused at 12.30am last Thursday when a black Audi TT had a concrete block thrown through its window.

It was parked on Victoria Road at its junction with Retort Close. All four of its tyres were also slashed.
Information to Southend Police on 101.

Drink drive charge

A MOTORIST has been arrested and charged with drink-driving during the force's summer awareness and clampdown campaign.

The 30-year-old mother from Southend was stop-checked by officers at 4am on Saturday in Rochford. She was arrested and charged with one

count of being in possession of Class B drugs and one count of being in charge of a car in a public place while being under the influence of alcohol.

She has been released on police bail prior to her appearance at Southend Magistrates Court on Monday, July 9.

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Low back pain will affect every one of us at least one time in our lives, it is the second most common reason for having time off work and so often is a debilitating condition which seriously affects people's quality of life.

The spine is a complex structure consisting of bone, joints, discs, muscles, tendons, ligaments and of course the spinal cord and nerves, all of which have the ability to transmit pain. This means that the cause of low back pain can vary and also means that locating the cause is often a challenge.

If back pain persists, seeking medical advice is the next logical step. The majority of patients who come to see me have already been to the GP, possibly had scans etc., possibly been referred to a physio and are still in pain and so have been prescribed pain killers long term.

The problem with chronic (long standing) low back pain is that, as with most problems, the longer you have had it, the less likely it is to go away by itself. Pain killers will never be a long term solution as of course, they are just killing the pain caused by the problem not addressing the problem itself.

As Chiropractic addresses the problem causing your symptoms it is very effective tackling chronic low back pain. The evidence is so strong that the NHS National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) released their guidelines to NHS professionals relating to low back pain in May 2009. It suggests that sufferers of "non specific low back pain over 6 weeks, less than 12 Months" should be considered for manual therapy (including Chiropractic).

As a Chiropractor I find it frustrating that sufferers of low back pain are not only NOT being referred by NHS health professionals for Chiropractic, but on many occasions are actively being told NOT to have Chiropractic, through what can only be, pure personal bias. People are so often being "put on the shelf" with pain killers and pain management when Chiropractic may be a solution to get these people out of pain and off painkillers.

If you are thinking of asking someone whether you should have Chiropractic, the only person you can rely on a factual answer from is a Chiropractor. They are the only ones who know what Chiropractors do. You wouldn't ask a plumber if you should get an electrician in would you?!

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By Paul Giles

UNIQUE artwork, frames, jewellery and various household items worth £3,500 have been stolen from a property in St Johns Road, Westcliff.

The burglary took place between 10.30pm on Friday, June 8 and 7.30am the following day when entry was gained by smashing the rear kitchen window.

Investigating officer, PC Calley MacKay, said: "Not only have they taken the artwork and frames, but in some cases they have removed the artwork and taken just the

"Clearly they knew what they were looking for.

"They left the property via the front door, so we are hoping that someone saw something or that someone may be offered the pictured artwork, especially any art shops or art dealers.'

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New book shop for Rochford

AN AUTHOR helped launch a new book shop in Rochford last Saturday.

Ğrimston, Westcliff, celebrated the opening by reading from his book Zio the Hero, to customers. The shop Number One, in

West Street, Rochford, sells books, toys and even has meeting spaces in a side room of the shop.

Senior leader at Rochford Community Church, David Clayton, wanted the shop to be a community friendly area where people would meet up. He said: "What we are try-

ing to do is provide something that Rochford doesn't have already.
"There could be a whole

range of things on offer soon like money management or knitting classes."
Mr Clayton explained in the

near future he was hoping to offer some work experience placements for people from the local church.

He said: "It would be great if we could offer placements because just keeping in the state of mind of working and being social helps people get back to work."

Mr Grimston, said: "This is

a lovely little bookshop for the community run by the com-

munity.
"It is nice to see a smaller shop breaking through and being opened instead of seeing them stuffed into a hyper market and getting lost."

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Flat fire THE FIRE service is

investigating a flat fire in York Road, on Tuesday, June 19.

Three different crews were called to the fire at 2.46am who used a bucket of water to put the fire out.

They then used a thermal imaging camera to search for any remaining hotspots and a high pressure fan to ventilate the flat.

Appeal following crash

POLICE have appealed for more information after a crash saw a man airlifted to hospital.

The accident happened at noon on Sunday, June 17.

It is believed a silver Kawasaki ZX600 crashed into the central barrier at Queensway.

The rider is still receiving medical treatment for his

Anyone who witnessed this collision or saw the motorcycle earlier on in the day in the area is asked to contact PC Noel Jeffery at Laindon Traffic on 101.

Robbery attempt

POLICE are searching for a man who attempted to rob a woman in broad daylight.

A woman in her early 20s was

walking through an alleyway between Church Road and Lucy Road, in Southend, at 4.10pm on Thursday, June 14. A man stopped her and demanded the woman's phone.

The woman ran to a nearby member of

public for help and the suspect ran off and nothing was taken.

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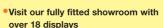
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Dawn Johnston, 27, Lambeth, plying crack cocaine.

She was late to a hearing at Basildon Crown Court on Tuesday, June 19, after her barrister claimed she had been stuck on a bus whose doors would not open.

Dressed in white, she wept in the dock as the charges were read out.

Johnston described as a 'facilitator' in the supply of drugs to an undercover officer called 'Mandy

The officer was part of Operation RASP, which saw police officers pose as addicts in order to infiltrate the

Southend drugs scene. Johnston and her flatmate Terry Coogan, formerly Sherwood Way, put the officer in touch with what is thought to have been a Somali drugs gang, operating out of the Pennine flats on Southend's Coleman Street.

and Coogan She accompanied the officer to the flats, where they pooled their money and Coogan collected the drugs.

At Coogan's own sentencing in April this year, prosecutor Peter Gair said Coogan was

WOMAN caught 'clearly acting for the drug dealers'. dealing Class A drugs Coogan was sentenced by Judge in Southend has been David Owen-Jones to two years in prison

> The same judge presided over Johnston's sentencing last week.

After reading a pre-sentence report from Hercules Road, and a lengthy psychiatric report, the pleaded judge commented that Johnston had guilty to one count of encountered 'very substantial per-supplying heroin and sonal problems' and suffered from another count of sup- 'very unfortunate psychological

He said: "I regard this as a totally exceptional case.

Johnston was handed a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for two years, with a condition that she be supervised by probation for the duration of the two years.

On hearing the verdict, Johnston's stepfather stood up and told the judge: "Thank you sir, for doing justice in this court today.

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Concert for Africa

A CONCERT for Africa will take place at the Plaza Centre, in Southchurch Road, on Saturday, July

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To book a ticket contact Helen on 07765 251907 or call the centre on 01702 461616.

Ofsted boost for school

STAFF and parents at Hamstel Junior School in Southend are celebrating after receiving a major

official boost. Ofsted inspectors have given the school a 'satisfactory' rating - a big step up from the 'Notice to Improve' they issued the previous

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pen verdict over retired barmaid's death

THE DEATH of a well known retired barmaid has been recorded as an open verdict at Southend Coroners Court.

June Evelyn Murdoch, worked at the Anne Boleyn Pub, in Rochford. The 80-year-old was found in her flat

in Nicholson House, in Southchurch Road, on Friday, December, 2010.
The coroner, Dr Peter Dean, said

there was no sense of foul play and a

post mortem showed she had a small amount of digoxin in her system.

However, the level was not enough to kill her and would have been released after her death, as the body stores the drug in muscles and organs.

Her daughter, June Curtis, said after hearing the verdict on last Thursday she felt as if there was no closure over her mother's death due to the open ver-

dict. She said: "She was a real East End woman she was born in Bromley By Bow.
"The family miss her so much, her

death was more than a year ago and the inquest has been a long time com-

"We still do not know what happened, I feel slightly disappointed with the verdict.

Investigation into Road closed house fire

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched to establish the cause of a fire in Rochford.

Two fire crews were called to Rowan Way in Canewdon at 2.25am on Thursday, June 14.

They found a semi-detached property with the ground floor 'well alight'. Wearing breathing apparatus,

firefighters used two hose reels to put the blaze out by 3.31am.

No casualties were reported.

THE A129 had to be closed in both directions at the junction with Down Hall Road as firefighters cut two casualties from a car wreck in Rayleigh. Three crews were called to the

incident on London Road at

1.45pm on Thursday, June 14. Two men were left trapped in a small van after a crash with a car.

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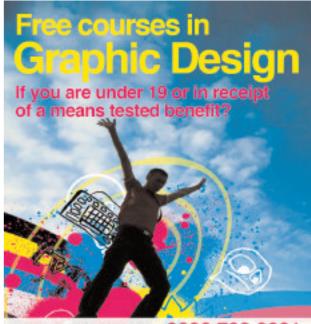
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Cancer Support.

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donate the riser recliner to make life easier for someone who is suffering from the terminal illness.

Michael Schacht, director of the compa-ny based in Sumpters Way, Temple Farm Industrial Estate, said he knew the charity found it hard to get funding.

He said: "We donated it to the charity because we have done a lot of work with them before and know how hard they work.
"We just wanted to

give something back. "The chair will give the clients a chance to

be comfortable. "Obviously if someone is terminally ill they want comfort."

The chair is worth £900 and was donated to the charity last Friday.

Matt Goddard, an occupational therapist at Macmillan Cancer Support, who was at the hand over of the chair, said the charity was very grateful for



He said: "We cover all of west Essex so we are always in need of items like this.

'Sometimes we can request chairs but sometimes it just takes so long to get

ing patients' lives more comfortable and make them more independent as the motor will let them get up out of the chair on their own.'

Clapham, Michael Schacht, Matthew Goodard, Edwina Moor and Peter Chandler with the chair presented to
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Opinion and readers' letters

Do not forget your pills John

WITH John Haran spouting his usual boast that he is a republican which is of no interest to most people, until they read his latest letter in the Advertiser, many of my friends read how he had insulted our Queen and indeed the rest of the Monarchy.

The main view was that as it appears to be so very important to him that in his retirement he should make his way to one of many republic countries where I feel sure there will be room for John, as most republic leaders are making space for newcomers by turning their armies onto their own people includ-ing women and children. Wishing you well in your,

perhaps a life under a republic government, but don't forget your pills because you may not get them in a republic country.

> Chas Cheesman Southend

Buy British

MY wife and I have noticed that shoppers, like we do, are beginning to search out the British produce in the supermarkets. I urge your readers to do so if they are not doing so already, and we must put as much pressure as we can on the major supermarkets to buy

British where possible

I had need to buy some mousetraps and did so at one of the large local DIY stores and although the wrapping showed the name of a well known English company, when I opened the package, I found the product was made in the USA. One of the two traps did not work at all and the other one was in my view sub stan-dard. I went to my local small family DIY shop and bought two more traps of a design that I had used before but was sold under the same trade name as the USA made traps. To my horror I found that these were made in Canada. All this pales into insignificance compared to the news that no British beer will be sold at the Prestige Pavilion in London's Olympic Park as the rights were sold to a Dutch group.I aim to give it a miss and have a cup of tea instead

> James Mills Thorpe Bay

Do not lose your chance to vote

SOUTHEND Borough Council is starting its annual voter registration drive. This registration will enable each adult to not only vote in local council elections, but General Elections, European elections, Police Commissioner elections, referendums are also included when the right to vote is applied for. Missing out on your vote means that your voice will not be heard - and I would encourage all, regardless of how they intend to use their vote, to reg-

Even abstention is only recorded by registering as turnout is recorded as a proportion of those registered; the unregistered do not count. You cannot even spoil your ballot paper without first having registered.

Voter registration affects others things too. Credit is harder to come by, identity harder to prove, and jury selection is based on the Electoral Register.

All votes are equal, each voter's voice equally loud. The only silent ones are the nonvoters. Voting affects almost everything we do, and for young people this is especially important as they have to live with the consequences for longer than the rest of us.

Perhaps the most important aspect is that every bit of tax you pay is spent by politicians. Not directly, of course, but as a result of decisions they have taken. The fact that you are paying tax (and everyone pays tax, indirectly if not directly) at all is down to politicians. These politicians are there because of

This is your money (and mine) - our money. If for no better reason then register to vote so as to have a say in how your money is spent.

And if you really do not care

how your money is spent can you send me your bank details?

> Iulian Ware-Lane Leigh-on-Sea

Postal votes are so easy

THE Southend-on-Sea Council Register of Electors 2012/13 have been sent out and I would urge everyone to tick the Postal vote section, which is open to ALL age groups. It is so much easier to vote this way. Your vote is done and dusted a couple of weeks before the dreaded THURSDAY voting day. The French do their voting on a Sunday so why can't we? Is it that the retired folk are the only ones who vote at the local elections?

Do they know how frustrating it is to have the same Band of brothers and sisters govern-ing our town? Why should the Tories grab onto and indeed hold onto power year after year? The same old overspending, the grandiose schemes to change our Town, the SPY CAR doing its best to sabotage our local shops, etc. No! It has to be time for a change.

The Independents are the only answer to make that change. No more adherence to the Mother Ship in Westminster by the snivelling obsequious local politicians. I'm sure that if more people voted, then those in power would be on their toes to answer to the electorate or face the very real threat to end their cosy reign of power and indeed their not inconsiderable allowances

> Rosie Bond Shoeburyness

When will the council listen to residents?

WHY is it that Southend Council repeatedly seems to consult residents of Southend and then completely ignore their wishes? Everyone I have spoken to agrees that Southend seafront is not the right place for a museum; especially not for an exhibition of the calibre needed to display such an important find as the artefacts of the Saxon King.

The consensus of opinion is that it should be as near as possible to the King's original rest-ing place as possible. Priory Park's recently renovated museum would be the obvious place but if more of the Borough's treasures that have not seen the light of day for many years are to be added to the Priory, then there may not be room for the Saxon King's treasure as well. The barren Ekco site, along with the derelict car showroom next door, would be ideal in terms of space and accessibility, and a purpose-built museum in Priory Crescent would be ideal. There is a huge area ripe

for building a museum, Visitor's Centre and car park and a short walkway to the original burial site would complete anyone's visit most satisfactorily. Think about it!

Using a museum to shore up a crumbling cliff seems rather a strange project. Spending millions on providing a conference centre there is pointless, as there are already such facilities within the town. Putting other forms of entertainment alongside an exhibition of world class archaeological and historical significance will not attract those serious minded enough to want to visit. And anyone having to negotiate the one-way system that currently exists in the Clifftown/High Street area in order to access the 'Cliffs Museum' is unlikely to make a second visit or recommend that others do so. Think again, Southend Council - try, for once, to listen to what people want and to get things right!

Derek Theobald

A sad situation

IT'S a sad situation when the only way the people of Southend can get to see any of the fabulous Saxon King's grave goods discovered in our town is by lending them to the Germans. We will rely on their charity to provide the modest equipment needed to show them temporarily in the Central Museum.

If only the Council had listened to SKIPP. Instead of two brief exhibitions in 2013, put on by the Germans, we could have been looking forward to the grand opening of King Seabert's fantastic new Priory Park Museum and Saxon Education Village.

The people of Southend are Saebert's people and we deserve to have our ancient royal artefacts on permanent display in our town. The only reason we are still waiting for that day to come is because of our Council's incompetence and arrogance, they have thus far refused to even consider any option apart from their seafront Business Conference Centre dream.

A dream that would see our world famous King's relics consigned to a tiny part of a corporate play ground; a dream which would destroy the peace and character of a national conservation area; a dream which they have never had a hope in hell of financing. In short an impossible dream dreamt up by unimaginative people whose only interest in our town's heritage comes from the remote possibility of using them to build a conference centre and damn the consequences for the town and its people.

It seems that unlike our council, who have little regard for our unique treasures, the rest of the world has woken up to their historic importance and are willing to pay to see the won-ders which were found in OUR

Surely it is now time to 'drop the dead donkey' and look at the realistic alternative - the popular SKIPP Proposal for a Saxon Great Hall Museum and Educational Village, built on the under used works depot in Priory Park, a stone's throw from where King Seabert was buried 1300 years ago.

> The SKIPP Committee Patsy Link Sheena Walker Mark Sharp

We need to make more for ourselves

ECONOMIC experts say that we should increase our exports. I say that we should produce more goods for ourselves instead of importing so much from foreign countries.

Mary Portas is a good example of this with her smashing Kinky Knickers. These, which are wholly British-made, are selling like hot cakes and Mary is finding it difficult to satisfy the demand.

Tony Caldeira is another good example. He makes cushions and originally made them in Britain. However, by 2004 cushions imported from China were selling for less than it cost Tony Caldeira to make them and he sold his British factory and opened one in China.

Eight years later, wages in China have risen fivefold and other costs have risen too. Tony Caldeira has opened a new fac-tory in Britain where he is making cushions that compete with Chinese imports and he will sell his Chinese factory if he can find a buyer.

Richard Clements

English people must come first

I WRITE this to say I couldn't believe my eyes. I have been trying for two years to get some help as I am disabled, I had to go to an appeal, and while I was waiting a family walked in (not one of them spoke English), but they knew how to claim money and where to go to claim for DLA!

Now before all the do-gooders write in to say these people are entitled to it, if you went over to the country they came from would you get all the help they get? No you wouldn't because if you could these people would not be over here bleeding this country dry.

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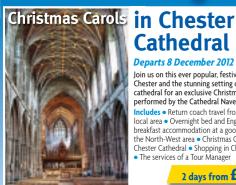
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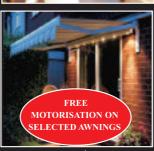
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The Petre family's connections to Ingatestone Hall, a magnificent building that is well worth a visit, are still paramount as the son of the its present Lord still lives there with his

While it may be the family's home, they do open their doors on partic-ular days throughout the year, from general open days to special events, all of which help secure the hall's future for many years to

Walking along its driveway, and underneath the archway of a clock tower, I was greeted by a wonderful scene of an old house, set out in a U-shape with climbing vines and flowers creeping up its walls

It was almost silent except for dis-

■ DIRECTIONS: Ingatestone Hall can be found in Hall Lane, Ingatestone, Essex, CM4 9NR. It is just a short drive from the

A12, and just up the road from Ingatestone train station. There is free parking in the Meadow Car Park, where picnicking is permitted.

■ OFENING IIINES: Ine house and grounds are open from noon to 5pm (last entry 4pm) on Wednesday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday afternoons from Easter until the end of September (except Wednesdays in June). Teas and light lunches are served in the Summer Parlour whenever the house is open.

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tant voices coming from the Summer Parlour, the hall's tea room and entrance, which had once been the house's former ballroom.

While visitors were enjoying teas and light meals I wandered through to the hall's shop and to find access to the rooms inside.

While the present Lord Petre's son, Dominic, and his family have a private apartment in the south wing, there are a number of rooms that can be toured including the oak-panelled Stone Hall, the Dining Room with its walls lined with oakpanelling and tapestries, and a magnificent 29 metre long Gallery which is lined with 40 portraits of successive generations of the Petre family. Inside this gallery you can also see displays of memorabilia that has been collected over the centuries

Outside there is more to see across the house's 10 acres of land including features of the old orchards that would have almost entirely covered the grounds of the house back in Tudor times. While they may have disappeared you can still see the high boundary wall and the walled garden where past Petre families would have enjoyed summer picnics. There is a stew pond bordered by an avenue of ancient lime trees, and a cistern in the Old Orchard from which until very recently, spring water was col-

lected to supply the house.

The house itself was built by William Petre, a young lawyer from Devon, who was Thomas Cromwell's assistant at a time when Henry VIII ordered Cromwell to implement the process that would

lead to the Dissolution of the Monasteries. Petre's job was to visit the monastic houses of southern England to draw up a record of their possessions and to persuade them to surrender to the King.

During a visit to Barking Abbey he was attracted to its manor of Yngeatte-Stone - known as Ginge ad Petram in Latin. He leased the property, which sounded like it had belonged to his family for centuries, and bought it for its full market price in 1539, when the lands of Barking Abbey were surrendered to the crown. Although this act could have been seen as plundering of Church property Petre was exoner-ated from such a charge as long as he provided an almshouse foundation for the poor. He founded the almhouses in Ingatestone High Street, and he went on to demolish the nearby old steward's house and rebuilt the house that we see today.

It is one of the very earliest domestic buildings to have had a piped water supply and flushing drains, fed from springs that continued to supply the house until only about ten years ago. Following William Petre's death his

widow continued to live at Ingatestone Hall, while their son, John, bought Thorndon Hall in Brentwood, which would become the family seat for the next 300

During this time the house was used as a holiday home, or a residence for the dowager or married heir, right up until the ninth Lord Petre moved back into the hall in 1764 while work was being carried out on the new Thorndon Hall.



STUNNING: Ingatestone Hall.

When work on Thorndon was complete some six years later the Great Hall and Dining Chamber at Ingatestone Hall were demolished, leaving the U-shaped plan that welcomes visitors today. While the former Great Hall was lost at this time, Lady Rasch replaced it with the oak-panelled Stone Hall that you can see today.

While much of Thorndon Hall was destroyed during a fire in 1876, the family did not move back to Ingatestone Hall until 1919, after the death of the 16th Lord Petre during the Great War.

During the Second World War the house was used by the girls of Wanstead School, and in the 1950s the north wing of the house was leased to Essex County Council for use by the Record

While the hall is very much of historical interest as you wander around, there is something very homely about it as, beside the relics from years gone by, are family photos that show the true heart of Ingatestone Hall and those who live there.

As well as its open days there are a number of special events that will be taking place at Ingatestone Hall this year including an International Marquetry Exhibition and a Jazz Concert on Saturday, July 7; a Horse and Dog Show on Sunday July 8; a concert and picnic by the lake on Sunday, July 15; a motor rally on Sunday, July 22: a Garden Open Day in aid of The Red Cross on Sunday, August 5; a Dog Walk on Sunday, September 16, in air of St Francis Hospice: and a Flower Festival from September 25 to 27.

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Saturday, June 30

■ Wickford Community Archive Group are holding a day to refresh peoples' memories of what the group is trying to archive, 10am-1pm at the Wickford Library.
■ Fun Day, Basildon URC, Honeypot Lane (bottom of Whitmore Way), 2-5pm, various stalls and attractions include bouncy castle, face painting, magician, barbecue.
■ Plant Sale, Hockley and District Horticultural Society, Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 9.30-11.30am, admission 50p.

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■ Charity Table Top Sale, Holy Trinity Church, Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, 11am-1pm, tables free to charities, refreshments available, 01702 466423.
■ Concert, The Salvation Army Temple, Hadleigh, 'Southend Symphony Orchestra', 7.30pm, tickets £9, concessions £8, children under 12 £1, available at door, further details 01268 755005.
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Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, solbists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.

Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 465801.

Lazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue, Leigh, every Saturday 10am-1pm, 25 per session (concessions available). Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels

Sunday, July 1

■ Big Band Concert, St Mark's Church, Southend, 'Bryan Williamson Big Band' 3pm, entrance £4, raffle. Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff

Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm, 01702 345247.

■ Trading Hut, Hockley and District Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, open every Sunday 10am-noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership

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■ Carwey Miniature Railway Train Rides, situated by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Carwey, 10,30am-4pm, steam or electric locos, adults and children £1 each a ride, all welcome, every Sunday weather permitting.

■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10,30-11,30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

■ King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10,30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.

■ Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.

■ Sunday Olub, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904. £3. ■ Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides,

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Crown Spinners Majorettes. Baton twirling age 6 plus, Trenham Hall, Pitsea, 5.30-7.30pm, £2.50, just turn up, every Monday (not during school holidays), all equipment will be supplied.

Jazz, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road,

Bastwood, Ron Spack's Jazztet with John Sharpe (saxophone) and Dave Kay (gultar), 8.30pm, details 0.1702 5.12819.

Meeting, Southend Group of the National Service (Royal Air Force) Association, Hadleigh, noon, guest speaker Pit Lt Dave Carter gives a presentation on the work of the Aeronautical Information Documentation Unit at RAF Northoit as well as other RAF subjects, Ron Spack 0.1268 779697.

Over 505 session, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 12.30pm-2.30pm badminton, 2pm-4pm table tennis, £3.60, includes refreshments and use of includes refreshments and use of

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Activity session, The Megacentre, Brook Road, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm, for adults with special needs (term time only), £1, no charge for carers, 01268 779100.

■ Duplicate Bridge at Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive

Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Tharmes Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.

Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk

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■ Evening of Clairvoyance, Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Carwey, every Monday, doors open 7:30pm, admission 53, all profits donated to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquires 01268 691922.
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■ Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, every Monday 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
■ Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday

Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, every Monday and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, further details

01702 715509. ■ Scrabble Club, Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, all standards welcome, every Monday 7-10pm, £2.50, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

Tuesday, July 3

Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 2pm-4pm. 01702 34246.

 Meeting, Eastwood Cockethurst Turnouvergee Civild Eastwood.

Townswomens Guild, Eastwood
Community Centre, 7.30pm, meet on first
Tuesday of each month, all welcome.

Meeting, National Federation of the Blind

Southend branch, meet first Tuesday of the month, details Jill 01702 477899.

Art Class, Women's Institute Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, 10am-noon or 1-3pm, with artist Paul Alcock, details 01702 615475.

■ Table Tennis, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, 7.30pm-10.30pm, £3.50, details 01268 779100.

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Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/468827.

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■ Heirloom Bears, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Tuesday 10am-noon. 01268 465854. ■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, every Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258641

258661.
■ Social Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon, Tuesdays 2-4pm, 01702 230480.
■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Carwey, Tuesdays 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25 plus, £2 per session, membership details 01702 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church

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Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

Wednesday, July 4

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 Circle Dancing, Wesley Methodist
 Church, Room 3, Elm Road, Leigh, 1.30
 3pm, further details Pat 020 8556 3508.

 Group Support, Basildon Eating
 Disorders and Mental Health Support (BEAMS), meet first Wednesday of each month 6pm-8pm, help-lines all other Wednesdays 5-8pm. 01268 442059/07944
- Art Class, Leigh Sailing Club, Old Leigh, 10am-noon, with artist Paul Alcock
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 Pulse Drum Club, St Dawid's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.
- Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7
 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged five-18, free admission, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.
- Palace Writers Group, every Wednesday 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public readings planned, further details Emily 01702 390472.

 Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's
- Church Hall, located behind the Church,

- 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737. Parent and Toddler Group, Crowstone
- Christian Centre, 91 Crowstone Road, Westcliff, 9.30-11.30am (term time), also Thursday and Friday mornings, call 01702
- Blenheim Breastfeeding Support. Blenheim Children's Centre, School Way, Leigh, every Wednesday 2-3pm (term time). 01702 474684. Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day
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- 573653.

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- Parent and Toddler Group, Little Angels,
- Steeple View Memorial Hall, Laindon, Wednesdays 1-3pm.

 Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown
- Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.

Thursday, July 5

- Jazz at The Wellstead Social Club. Off ■ Jazz at The Wellstead Social Club, Off Kenilworth Gardens, 27-29 Wellstead Gardens, Westcliff, Carol Braithwaite - vocals, Tim Huskisson - piano, Mike Sagrott - guitar, Ted Simkins - bass, 8- 10.30pm, 24, special guest - Tony Compton - accordion. 01702 344855. ■ Meeting, Parkinson's UK, The Crowstone Christian Centre, Crowstone Road, Westcliff 20m_4nm_meetings held first
- Westcliff, 2pm-4pm, meetings held first Thursday of the month, £2 including refreshments, further details call Joyce May 01702 339088
- Eastwood Ladies Evening Club, Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood Memoral Hall, Hayleigh Hoad, Eastwood, 7.45pm, meet first and third Thursday of the month, call 01702 529216.
 Social Afternoon, Civil Service Retirement Fellowship, Rayleigh Church, Rectory Garth, (off Hockley Road), Rayleigh, 2-4pm. 01702 342426.
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- Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

 Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre,
- Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, 01268 465854.

 Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 24, first 3 weeks free, 01702 553546.
- Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.

 Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre,
- The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.
- 4/6087.

 Healing, The Cedars, Castle Road, Rayleigh, fully trained healers by Essex Healers Association, Thursdays 10-11.30am, all welcome.

 Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe,
- Community Church, Queens Park, Billericay, for Breastfeeding mums, Thursdays (term time), 12.30pm.

Friday, July 6

- Coffee Morning, Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, corner of Kingsway and Eastwood Lane Sth (off Southbourne Grove), Westcliff, with gift stall, book stall, homemade cakes and refreshments, 10am-noon, in aid of church funds.
- Evening of Mediumship, Great Mistlev Scout Hut, Vange, Basildon, 'George Lawson', doors open 7pm, starts 7.30-9pm, admission £3.

 Short Mat Bowls, Woodlands School,
- Takley End, Basildon, every Friday 7pm and Sunday 6pm, beginners welcome, all ages, first month free, further details 07713 530279.
- Art Club, Studio at back of Beauty
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 Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 24pm. 01702 296708.
- 4pm. 01702 296708.

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 Modern Sequence Tea Dance, St James
- tools, Fridays 8-10pm, Jim Davis 01702
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Regency Spice offers a vast menu including a range of dishes from chef's recommendations to

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There are a range of tandoori specialities, balti dishes, Nepalese and Bangladeshi specialities, Thali and Kurzi specials, Persian, chicken, meat, fresh fish and shellfish dishes, as well as Thai specialities, veg-etarian options and Regency Combination Platters for two or four people.

These are complemented by a wide range of starters, rice dishes, nan breads, sundries and pickles, and desserts. The fully licensed and air-conditioned restaurant also offers an extensive drinks list including a wide range of beers and

Regency Spice offers a five-course Midweek Special (served Monday to Thursday), for £12.95 and includes any starter and main dish, rice or nan bread, and a side dish, as well as tea or coffee, as well as a Business Lunch offer from noon to 2.30pm on weekdays with a choice of dishes for just £8.95 per

person.

The restaurant also has a Sunday Buffet, served from noon to 11.30pm, where customers can eat as much as they like from a large selection of delicious dishes for £7.95 per person, or £3.95 for under 10s.

Tony, the owner of Regency Spice, has been in the catering business for 40 years. He prides himself on the restaurant, which is a won-

derful place to celebrate a range of special occasions, from engagements and weddings, to birthdays and anniversaries.

It has ample space for large parties thanks to its separate function room, which is complete with dance floor, sounds, lights and smoke, as well as karaoke.

Staff are now taking bookings for a special Motown Gold tribute on Thursday, June 28, a Rihanna tribute night on Thursday, September 13, as well as an Abba Unique Girls tribute evening on Thursday, September 27. Anyone interested is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappoint-

CHARITY EVENTS

The restaurant, which has full disabled access, can also host charity nights for which it will donate 50 per cent to the charity of your

Regency Spice, which has a full takeaway service including free delivery, is open from noon to 2.30pm and from 5.30pm to midnight, from Monday to Saturday, and from noon to midnight on Sundays.

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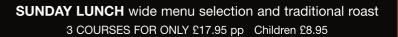
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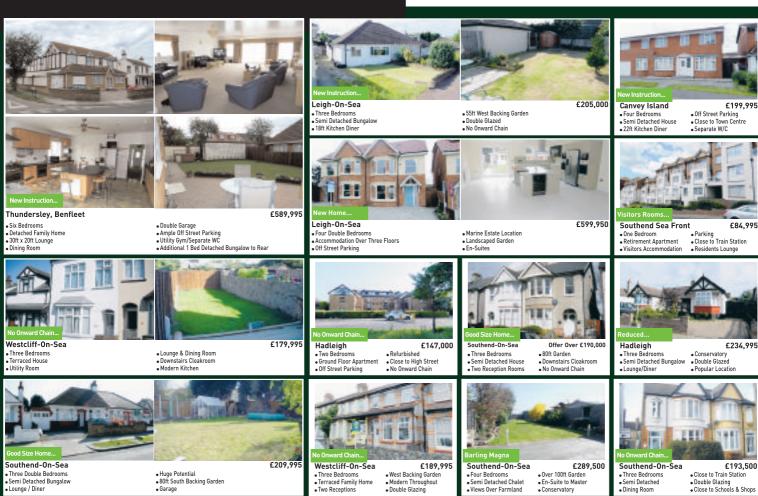
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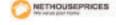
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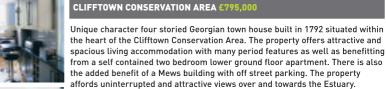
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While gazumping is normally associated with a raging sellers' market, when homeowners are more likely to be tempted by higher offers from desperate buyers,

gazundering, needless to say, tends to happen in a slower market. Fortunately, however, it still seems to be relatively rare – although that is hardly any consolation

Of course, gazundering isn't actually illegal. After all, it is one of the enduring eccentricities of the English property transfer system that nothing is binding on either party until exchange. Nevertheless, morally speaking, it is a clear abuse of that system – a much worse one, in my view, than gazumping. After all, how many of us can honestly say that we wouldn't at least be tempted by the thought of pocketing an extra few thousand pounds by selling to one complete stranger rather than another? Gazundering, on the other hand, implies a strong element of premeditation. In delaying to the very last minute before revising their offer downwards, gazunderers are cynically counting on the seller being too heavily committed to pull out. In my view, this is utterly reprehensible.

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Finally, I can't resist drawing readers' attention to the deafening silence on this matter emanating from the consumerist lobby. Perhaps they are simply too wedded to the notion that it is always the poor innocent buyer who needs protection. Or maybe just maybe - it's because they haven't yet found a way of blaming estate agents!

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He said: "We all know that the airbag is a great safety feature in our cars and, used in conjunction with a seat belt. can often save serious injury. What most of us don't know is what it's like when one goes off. We were thankful for the extremely fast deployment of the airbags.

"They seem to have deflated again before I realised they had inflated. What's more the seatbelts did their job and we didn't get thrown forward."

Matt explained that when the airbags inflated his car filled with smoke from the mini explosion, which was necessary to deploy them. "I could sense the car filling rapidly with smoke and my initial reaction was to get out. I screamed at my wife to get out too.

He said the crash made him think that there should be more information as to what exactly happens when an airbag comes into use. "In a situation where you might be best off not moving at all, especially if you are injured, your first reaction is to try and



get out of the car," he said.

So how do airbags actually work? Extremely quickly is the short answer. When one goes off, there's an explosion no louder than the sound of a paper bag being burst which propels the nylon bag towards your face. Since it's not completely gas tight, it will automatically deflate again within a split second so as not to impair your vision or hamper your escape from the

It doesn't hurt - volunteers describe it like being hit with a pillow - and since an airbag distributes the force of impact so evenly, it's unlikely to shatter your glasses. Even if you're smoking a pipe, there's little danger, it's likely that the force of deceleration will have

flung it from your mouth. Typically, an airbag will be fully inflated within 30 milliseconds (0.03 secs) after the point of impact. To ensure that it doesn't go off acciden-tally, or trigger in minor impacts, a threshold deceleration has to be reached before the sensors activate inflation. In Europe, this can be anything from 12-20mph.

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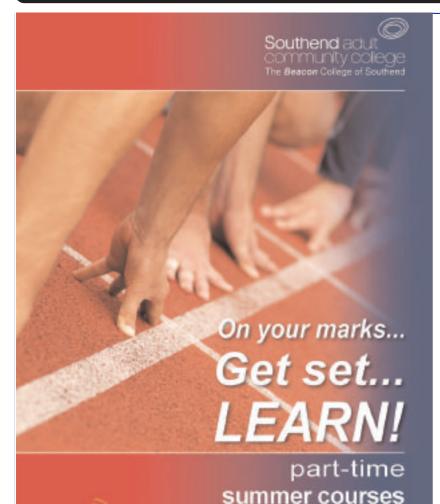
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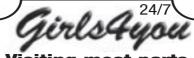
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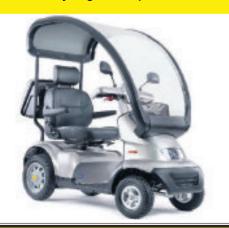


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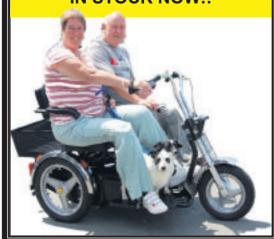
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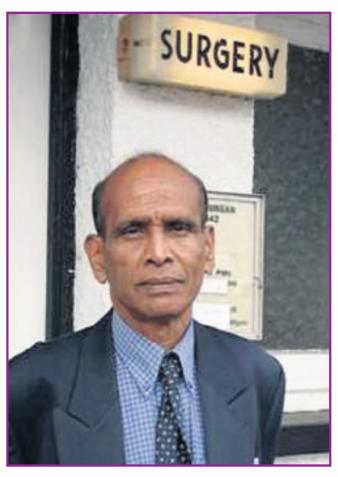
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